

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
**FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

A FAILOVER ARCHITECTURE FOR A DISTRIBUTED STORAGE SYSTEM

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above. I do not know and do not believe that the claimed invention (1) was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, (2) was patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, (3) was in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, or (4) was patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months (for a utility patent application) or six months (for a design patent application) prior to this application.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 (and reprinted in Appendix A).

**Claim of Benefit to Provisional Application(s)**

I hereby claim the benefit under title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

60/186,693 (Application Number)	3/3/2000 (Filing Date)
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60/186,774 (Application Number)	3/3/2000 (Filing Date)
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**Claim of Benefit to Prior Non-Provisional Application(s)**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of

Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

09/695,499 (Application Number)	10/23/2000 (Filing Date)	Pending (Status – patented, pending, abandoned)
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**Power of Attorney**

I hereby appoint the persons listed on Appendix B hereto (which is incorporated by reference and a part of this document) as my respective patent attorneys and patent agents, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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